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Senator Jerry Petrowski Named VFW Legislator of the Year

Eau Claire, WI... Today, Senator Jerry Petrowski (*R-Marathon*) was presented the *Legislator of the Year Award* by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of Wisconsin for his unwavering advocacy and support of veterans during the 2013 – 14 legislative session.

"Senator Petrowski has fully understood veterans issues and the challenges veterans face every day, and has worked tirelessly as the Chair of the Senate Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs Committee to ensure that we are receiving all possible assistance from the Wisconsin Legislature in our post-military civilian lives," said Renee Simpson, State Commander. "I thank him from the bottom of my heart and am pleased that my fellow VFW members from around this great state have recognized that here today as well."

This session, Senator Petrowski authored and passed a number of veterans' initiatives, including the creation of a grant program for nonprofit organizations serving veterans, reduced-fee sporting licenses for combat wounded veterans, and laying the groundwork for a modernized skilled nursing facility at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.

"It is a great honor to receive this award today from the VFW, whose members have unselfishly served our country with pride and dignity. I am proud of the work this organization has done to improve the lives of veterans and civilians alike, and as always remain thankful for the dedicated service of our armed forces," said Senator Petrowski.

"In all of my years of veterans advocacy, I am hard pressed to recall any legislator who has done more for my fellow veterans than Senator Petrowski. He has been an outstanding partner in bettering the lives of our great state's veterans who have sacrificed so much," said Jason Johns, State Legislative Committee Chair.

Senator Petrowski was presented the award today at the annual VFW state convention at the Plaza Hotel and Suites in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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